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C O N F I D E N T I A L TAIPEI 4951

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SUBJECT: HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEYS IN VICINITY OF THE ROC

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1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS GRANTED DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE FOR THE USNS CHAUVENET (T-AGS 29) TO CONDUCT AN HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY IN THE BASHI CHANNEL COMMENCING ABOUT NOVEMBER 1975 FOR A PERIOD OF ABOUT SIX MONTHS. OPERATIVE PORTIONS OF THE DIPLOMATIC NOTE DATED JULY 31 ARE AS FOLLOWS:

"IN REPLY, THE MINISTRY WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA AGREES IN PRINCIPLE TO GIVE THE REQUESTED CLEARANCE. HOWEVER, THE MINISTRY WOULD LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT IF ANY PORTION OF, OR THE COMPLETE RESULTS OF, THE SURVEY BE TERMED CONFIDENTIAL AND THE EMBASSY IS SO INFORMED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT, THAT PORTION OF OR THE COMPLETE RESULTS SHOULD NOT

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BE MADE PUBLIC OR AVAILABLE TO ANY THIRD COUNTRY

WITHOUT THE PRIOR CONCURRENCE OF THE CHINESE
GOVERNMENT.

"IF THE FOREGOING IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE U.S. GOVERNMENT,
THE CHINESE NAVAL GENERAL HEADQUARTERS WILL BE READY
TO COORDINATE WITH THE EMBASSY FOR THE CONDUCT OF
THE HYDROGRAPHIC SURVEY IN THE BASHI CHANNEL."

2. ALUSNA WILL CONTACT CHINESE NAVY FOR FURTHER COORDI-
NATION AS NECESSARY.

3. FYI. DURING AMID-JULY UNOFFICIAL VISIT TO TAIPEI, LT.
CMDR. THOMAS, COMMANDING OFFICER OF THE OCEANOGRAPHIC UNIT
ON BOARD THE CHAUVENET MET INFORMALLY WITH CHINESE NAVY
AND OCEANOGRAPHIC OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS THE FORTHCOMING
PROJECT. THESE CONVERSATIONS SHOULD PROVE HELPFUL IN
FACILITATING COORDINATION FOR THE SURVEY.
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